







Character Area 6
Ornamental and recreational

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6. Ornamental and recreational

This sheet summarises the comprehensive assessments of character and regeneration opportunities in Section 8 of the report.

Character summary

- Thanckes was ornamented in the 18th century with a small park by Admiral Thomas Graves.
- Main elements are two avenues running from the original house on either side of large lawn with scattering of standard trees and a wonderful quarry garden.
- House demolished and replaced in 1871 by another set within one of the former house's two large walled gardens.
- In 1911 the replacement house was itself translated stone by stone to Portwrinkle.
- The grounds of Thanckes were acquired by Torpoint Council in 1952. Managed ever since as a public park.
- Gravesend House, a smaller country house on Gravesend Point, was built in the 1750s by another Admiral, Henry Harrison.
- Had a small circular folly tower in its grounds. Its mature conifers and park trees provide an important ornamental frame for the north side of Torpoint.
- Allotment gardens between two houses since early 20th century.

Regeneration and management

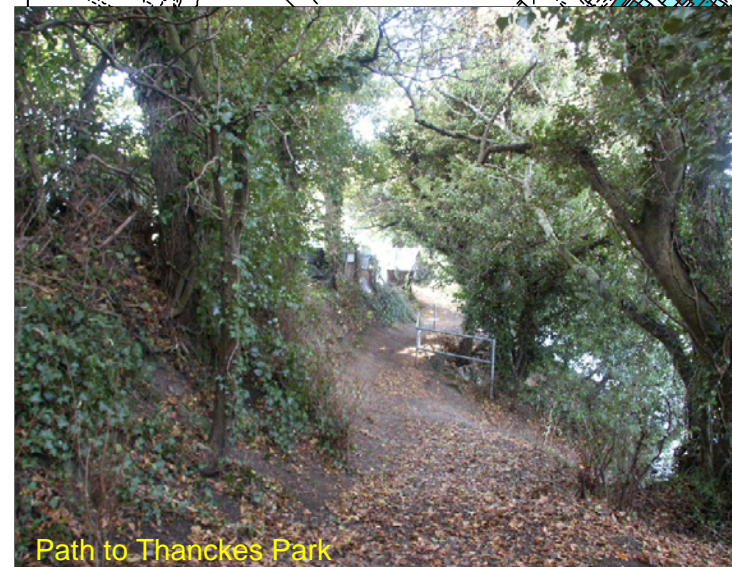
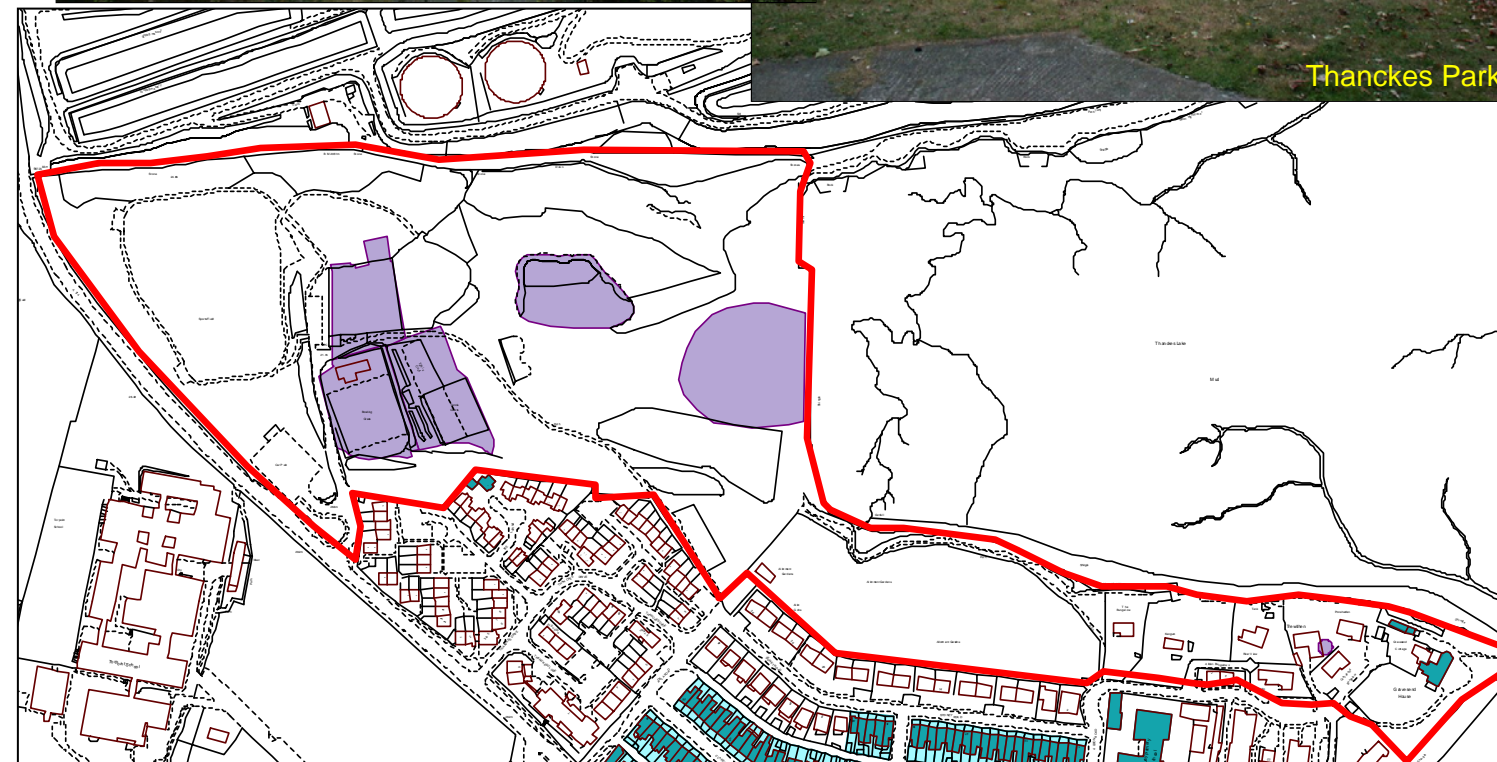
- Refresh design of Thanckes Park. Commission a Restoration Plan.
- Ensure new recreation features pay proper regard to historic fabric and design of walled gardens, park etc.
- Improve the attractiveness of foot access to Thanckes Park from the town.
- Maintain quality of treescape and house at Gravesend.
- Ensure allotment gardens thrive and continue to contribute activity and texture to this part of town.



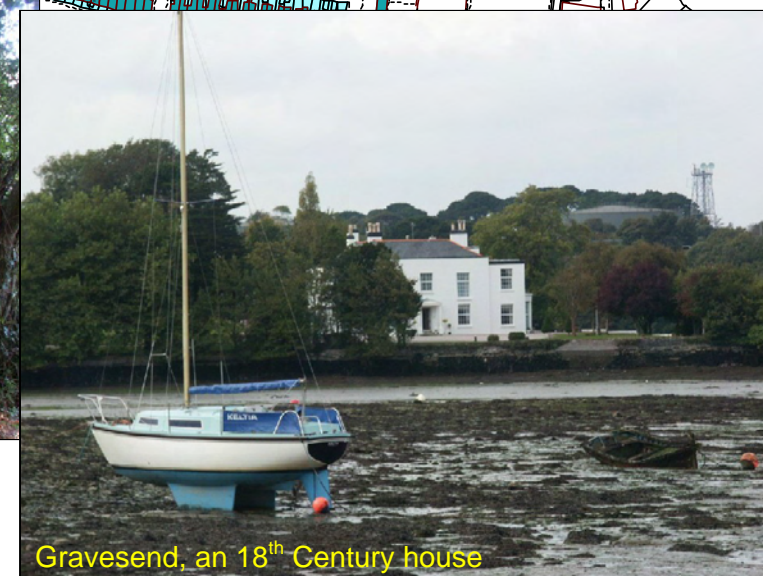
Site of the second Thanckes House, now a bowling green



Thanckes Park



Path to Thanckes Park



Gravesend, an 18th Century house